



Y1 News Spring 2 2026



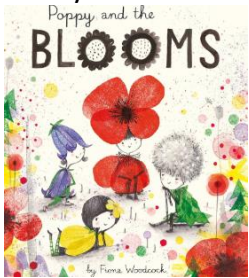
Welcome back after the half term break. Hopefully you've all had a nice break. We are looking forward to another busy term in Year 1.



We will continue use the White Rose Mastery approach to teaching Maths. Children will spend longer on each topic, called a small steps approach with the aim of mastering the learning and then moving on to using and applying the maths in problems. Using the White Rose Maths scheme we will be doing Place Value to 50 Mastering Number will continue to be taught in the afternoons.

English

This term some of our Literacy will be based around the book *Poppy and the Blooms* by Fiona Woodcock which links with our science topic 'What are the different parts of plants called and what birds do you know?'



We will also be developing our language and communication skills using talk for writing and Readers Theatre. We will continue to develop fine motor skills and our handwriting using Penpals. We will continue to use 'Sounds Write' as we prepare the children for their phonics screening check in June 2026.



Reading

Please continue to listen to listen to your child read. Please write a comment in their reading record so each read can be counted towards the reading challenge total. Prizes and certificates are given out for 40 reads. We will post on Class Dojo about how well the class is doing in reaching 40 reads.

Year 1

Webpage

You can find out more useful information on our Year 1 webpage on the new look school website. Including our curriculum plan for the term and homework challenges.

Class Dojo

Thank you for signing up to Class Dojo. We will update you regularly with news, photos and useful information.

PE

This term for PE we will be doing ball skills for outdoor PE and dance for indoor PE. Children need to come to school in suitable PE kit on [Monday](#) and [Friday](#) for Mrs Mabbott and Mr Johnson's. Please ensure PE kit has names written in.

Topic

In topic we will be doing a new topic. 'Why are some places in the world always hot and others always cold?'. Children will learn about the places, people and animals that live in hot and cold places around the world.

Science

In science we will be asking 'What are the different parts of plants called and which birds do you know?' We will spend lots of time outside, looking for birds and making things to attract them to our school grounds. We will also look at different plants and their common features.

Diary Dates

- Thurs 5th March – World Book Day
- WB 9.3.26 – assessment week
- Fri 20th March – French Language Day
- Tue 24th/Thurs 26th – Parent's Evening
- Tues 24th March – Easter at St Johns 10.45-11.45
- Thurs 26th March – World Maths Day
- Thurs 26th March – last day of term
- Fri 27th March – INSET day